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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2005.
 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-12 is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's amendments and arguments, filed 12/12/2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)/103(a) and 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of US 6,067,324 and US 6,765,969.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph, because, the phrase "the relative weightings of baseband signals" is indefinite since it is unclear which "baseband signals (transmitter baseband signals or receiver baseband signals)" the instant applicant are referred to and what is the meaning of "the relative weightings".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject

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matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrison (US 6,067,324) in view of Vook et al. (US 6,765,969).

- With regard claim 1, Harrison discloses a method for transmitting and demodulating a communications signal using an adaptive antenna array in a wireless communication system with

(a) estimating at least one eigenvector of a matrix of communication channel coefficients for a channel (Fig.1 elements 100-122, column 2 line 65 – column 4 line 67, Fig.2 elements 201-216, and column 5 lines 1-63) between a first plurality of antennas (Fig.5 element 302 and column 6 lines 37-43) and a second antenna (Fig.2 element 201 and column 5 lines 3-5); and

(b) transmitting using said first plurality of antennas with relative weightings of baseband signals on said first plurality of antennas corresponding to components of said at least one eigenvector (column 3 lines 1-27 and column 4 lines 54-67).

Harrison discloses all of the subject matter as described in the above paragraph except for specifically teaching the subscriber device having plurality receiving antennas (second plurality antennas).

However, Vook et al. teaches a method and device for multi-user channel estimation using an adaptive antenna array (Fig.1 elements 110 and 112 and column 4 lines 21-45) with plurality receiving antennas for subscriber device (Fig.1 elements 130, Fig.2 element 101, and column 7 lines 54-55, and 58-62).

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It is desirable to have a plurality of receiving antennas in the subscriber device in order to reducing the number of operations per second required by standard channel estimators (column 3 lines 13-20 and column 7 lines 21-25) so that the communication speed can be improved. Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement a plurality of receiving antennas in the subscriber device as taught by Vook et al. into Harrison's subscriber device so as to reducing the run-time computational complexity of the existing channel estimation device so that the communication speed can be improved.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 5-12 are allowed.

Conclusion

8. Reference(s) US 6,353,643 and US 6,141,393 are cited because they are put pertinent to the wireless communication with adaptive antenna array. However, none of references teach detailed connection as recited in claim.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ted M. Wang whose telephone number is 571-272-3053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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